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Fireworks. No trash, please

▶NDP MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert, left, with West End resident Shirley Etter, holds a discarded coffee cup at English Bay yesterday.

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Celebration of light, not litter

Herbert and Etter are reminding people to pick up after themselves after tonight's Celebration Of Light show. Vancouver's beaches are usually littered with garbage after the annual fireworks spectacle. {Story, page 2}

Gambling site not a safe bet

Some users of B.C. Lotto's site gambled with other people's money Corporation fined more than $500K for allowing security breaches by money-launderers

Dozens of gamblers on B.C.'s new casino-style website were able to place bets with other users' money, forcing the site to shut down almost as soon as it was up and running, the province's lottery corporation revealed yesterday.

The B.C. Lottery Corp. added casino games such as blackjack, roulette and craps to its PlayNow.com site last week, but the service was quickly shut down in the midst of an immediate flood of virtual gamblers.

The corporation was still working on a fix yesterday when it said some users had logged in as others. In some cases they were able to see the other person's account balance and personal information. In all, about 130 people were affected.

B.C. Lotteries president Michael Graydon said the gamblers involved have been told of the mistake.

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Double blow for B.C. Lotto

The lottery corporation also confirmed yesterday it has received hefty fines from the federal agency that monitors money laundering and terrorism financing.

- **Reporting infractions** FINTRAC fined it more than half a million dollars for more than a thousand infractions related to reporting requirements.
- **Downplayed** B.C. Lotto's president downplayed the fines, suggesting they were merely administrative rather than an indication anything nefarious was happening.

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A truce with the Taliban?

International officials meet in Kabul for conference Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon willing to support reconciliation, with conditions {page 6}

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Trash not wanted at fireworks: MLA

Fireworks fans are being asked to keep the beach clean and to stay sober to avoid incidents, members of a west-end cleanup crew and police said yesterday.

"There may be a correlation between drinking and trash talking," said Vancouver-West End MLA Spencer Chandra Herbert.

People who bring drinks are also more likely to leave garbage — usually empties — behind, he added.

Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton said it's not worth bringing booze to the beach.

"(If we see drinking) we'll either ask you to pour it out or we'll seize it," Houghton said.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to congregate along the shores of English Bay tonight for the HSBC Celebration of Light.

Houghton added that police will not only be on bikes, horses and motorcycles, but will also have its marine unit establish a presence on the water.

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▶ Garbage litters the beach at English Bay the morning after a fireworks show on July 24, 2008.

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Cousteau dives into water crisis

Don't wait until there's a problem to change habits, explorer's granddaughter says

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Filmmaking royalty visited the Vancouver Aquarium yesterday when Alexandra Cousteau, granddaughter of legendary documentarian and oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, showed footage from her travels documenting water crises.

Her Expedition Blue Planet Tour is a 138-day sojourn across North America to engage the public on water issues in those regions.

"My own commitment to water conservation started very early," Cousteau said. "My grandfather taught me to scuba dive when I was seven."

Last year, Cousteau joined National Geographic for a five-continent tour to look at what she called the "interconnectivity" of water.

"In the Cousteau tradition of storytelling and filmmaking, I want to create conversation starters," she said.

"It's vital to the future of our planet that we maintain (our waterways) and understand what happens if we don't."
ALEXANDRA COUSTEAU

In the South, for example, runoff from pesticides used in the Midwest has travelled the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, killing sea life there.

Some Vancouverites, she added, take their water for granted.

"Figure out what watershed you live in, which is where your impact begins, and you'll see how your footprint gets into the sea," she said.

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▶ Filmmaker and environmentalist Alexandra Cousteau, right, granddaughter of French explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, speaks to visitors at the Vancouver Aquarium yesterday.

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TOFINO FLOAT PLANE

Impact was fatal, TSB says

The Transportation Safety Board says all four people who died after a float plane crashed near Tofino in May were killed on impact.

TSB investigator Bill Yearwood says unlike other recent crashes in B.C., the pilot and three passengers didn't die from drowning.

Six people were killed after a crash off Saturna Island last November and a TSB investigation found four of them were able to get their seatbelts off as the plane sank, but couldn't get out of the doors.

Their deaths sparked calls for quick-release doors and for all float plane passengers to wear life vests.

Yearwood says he's hoping a final report on the crash will be released within a year.

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Bif Naked joins fight against fur

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▶ Vancouver's Bif Naked has written an open letter asking the federal government to ban importing dog and cat fur.

Canadians unaware dog and cat fur products being imported: Group

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Vancouver rock singer Bif Naked has joined a local animal rights group in support of banning the sale and import of cat and dog fur in Canada.

She wrote an open letter this month on behalf of Fur-Bearer Defenders to show her support for Bill C-439, introduced by Winnipeg MP Anita Neville.

It calls to add dog and cat fur to the Hazardous Products Act.

More than 4,000 people have signed a postcard campaign in support of the bill.

"Canadians are generally unaware this trading exists," said Adrian Nelson, director of communications with Fur-Bearer Defenders.

"Fur and fur-trimmed products don't need to be labelled, so consumers believe it's faux fur, when it can actually be cat and dog fur."

He added products are sometimes mislabelled as fox fur.

The United States and European Union have banned the sale and import of dog and cat fur.

David Emerson, Canada's former trade minister, has said a ban could undermine Canada's controversial seal product exports.

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An estimated two million dogs and cats are slaughtered for their fur each year to make trim for various products, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

For more information, visit furbearerdefenders.com

Whale debate already closed: Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium said it's applauding the Park Board's decision not to ask voters during the next election if whales should be kept in captivity.

"The community has already spoken on this issue loudly and clearly," said Aquarium president John Nightingale.

In 2006, the facility consulted with the community on a proposed expansion, which included feedback on rules governing whales and dolphins in Stanley Park.

9 There are nine whales, dolphins and porpoises at the Vancouver Aquarium.

"The majority of people in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland (supported) the Aquarium having whales and dolphins in Stanley Park," Nightingale said.

The Aquarium does not capture cetaceans from the wild.

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Front-line workers get kudos

Four Vancouver police officers and two fire and rescue service staff have been honoured by the mayor and city council for service in Afghanistan, including intelligence operations, community building and reconstruction efforts.

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Don't plan on having a bonfire

Campers hoping to roast marshmallows over the fire will be out of luck when a campfire ban for B.C.'s coast and Vancouver Island goes into effect this Friday.

The fire hazard is ranked as "extreme."

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Response

- Eric Harris, chief negotiator and spokesperson for the Greater Vancouver Hotel Employers Association, said existing workloads comply with the existing collective agreement.
- "Staffing levels at hotels are adjusted up or down to reflect current business volumes," he said. "Since 2008, GVHEA hotels have faced significantly lower occupancy levels, and staffing levels at some hotels have been altered accordingly.

Hyatt Regency staff taking it to the streets

Thousands of staff at Hyatt hotels across North America — including the Hyatt Regency Vancouver — will be taking action on the streets tomorrow to protest what they say are unfair wages and conditions.

The co-ordinated day of action is being staged in 15 cities from Hawaii to Boston.

Naden Abenes, a room attendant at the Hyatt Vancouver, said when the housemen's shifts were cut back, it added to her already long workloads and fatigue.

Housemen help with hauling linens, turning mattresses and bringing supplies — without them, Abenes has to do more work while under the pressure to clean rooms in the same time.

"It's really physical work," Abenes said. "At the end of the day we're taking painkillers. We have to wear hand braces at night.

"Hyatt they're doing so well (financially). We work hard for the money and we want Hyatt to treat us right."

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Residents of DTES share vision: Study

Most want decriminalization of drugs, access to housing and addiction treatment on demand

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Downtown Eastside residents want fewer condominiums and more social housing in their neighbourhood, according to a survey of 1,200 people on how they would improve the area.

They want the mayor to purchase five lots a year for social housing over the next 10 years, say organizers of the study Assets to Action.

Wendy Pederson, of the Carnegie Community Action Project, said that only 12 per cent of privately owned SRO hotel rooms are renting for the welfare shelter allowance or less.

"We have to push them hard to save the land on the East Side for low-income people," Pederson said.

"Otherwise our community assets will be wiped out."

She added residents are helping improve the area by starting a street market and are working on expanding free wireless access.

"Vancouver could be a leader in the world for treating its low income people and communities with respect."
WENDY PEDERSON

NATASHA POON/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

▶ Wendy Pederson

Floating. Food

▶ A boat pulls the Floating Dining Room, perched atop 1,700 plastic bottles rescued from the ocean, through False Creek yesterday.

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New wave in dining hits False Creek

The Floating Dining Room, a fundraiser for the School of Fish Foundation, will be moored alongside the False Creek Yacht Club and will serve 12 guests a six-course, sustainable seafood dinner catered by C Restaurant every night this summer.

Abbotsford repeats as Canada's murder capital

1 There has been one murder in Abbotsford in 2010.

Abbotsford-Mission reported the highest homicide rate for the second year in a row, according to figures released yesterday by Statistics Canada.

While it had only nine homicides, that meant 5.2 murders for every 100,000 people in the area. In contrast, Vancouver had 61 murders, but a homicide rate of 2.6 per 100,000 population.

Abbotsford police say they're not surprised because the entire region was locked in a bloody gang war early in 2009. Officers credit stiffer sentences for firearms offences as one of the reasons they've managed to crack down on that gang war this year.

For overall crime, the region placed sixth in Canada.

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Aquabus. Hosed down

▶ An Aquabus gets a power wash at Granville Island's boat repair yard yesterday.

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Aquabuses clean enough to sail on

The fleet of tiny ferries were freshened up for their usual commutes across False Creek to Science World, Yaletown, Granville Island and the Olympic Village.

Lawyer for man 'of interest' calls it quits

Former client was sought in relation to disappearance of a B.C.-bound couple In court facing unrelated charges

A lawyer for a man considered a person of interest in the disappearance of a missing B.C.-bound couple has quit.

Travis Edward Vader, 38, was to appear in provincial court in Edson, Alta., yesterday on three charges of possession of stolen property. The charges are among numerous others he faces that are unrelated to the case of Lyle and Marie McCann, who vanished more than two weeks ago while driving to see their adult son in Abbotsford.

Agonizing wait

- Members of the McCann family say the wait for any new information since Vader was arrested has been agonizing.
- Son Bret McCann, 58, said it's been difficult to tear himself from the telephone.
- Nicole Walshe, 31, said she has been sitting with family members, looking through photo albums and reminiscing about her grandparents.

Lawyer Brad Thomlinson showed up instead and told the judge he no longer wanted to represent Vader. He said his client had already missed several court dates and was very difficult to reach.

The judge granted Thomlinson's request and set a court date of Aug. 3 for Vader to appear with a new lawyer.

No charges were laid against another man who was arrested Monday along with Vader at a rural home in the Edson area.

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Local group takes aim at federal health minister

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A local AIDS organization is criticizing the federal government for allegedly dancing around the question of whether needle exchanges are viable means of preventing the spread of HIV.

Maxine Davis, executive director of Vancouver's Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation, said Canada's health minister, Leona Aglukkaq, "repeatedly failed to confirm her support" for the distribution of clean needles to curb the spread of disease.

The minister was questioned on the subject at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna.

At the conference, Bill Clinton and Bill Gates both said on Monday that they support clean needle exchanges.

"But the health minister refuses to be a voice of leadership on this matter," Davis said.

"While treatment services are important, so are clean needles. They save lives. Minister Aglukkaq's refusal to endorse clean needle distribution is bizarre, considering the medical consensus around the issue."

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▶ Bill Gates, left, and Bill Clinton are both said to support needle exchanges.

B.C. STUDY

HIV-positive aboriginal people receive the same benefits from a drug cocktail as their non-native counterparts, according to a B.C. report presented in Vienna yesterday.

- Scientists at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS presented their findings at the International AIDS Conference.
- The study proves that aboriginals have poorer treatment outcomes not because they don't respond as well to the drugs, but because they have less access to treatment.
- The HAART cocktail has been proven to lengthen life expectancy and reduce the chance of spreading the disease.
- HAART is free to HIV-positive British Columbians.

Greying granny scares thug

When purse snatcher meets ornery octogenarian, put your money on the pensioner.

RCMP in Vernon say a man in his 20s was lucky to escape uninjured after targeting what looked like an easy mark on Saturday.

Police spokesman Gord Molendyk says the red-haired, hoodie-clad thug tried to grab the purse of an 81-year-old woman.

Molendyk says the senior had a walker that she wielded like a weapon, hanging on to her purse while driving her attacker away.

The geriatric jouster was unscathed.

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Kelowna boater Missing

A 25-year-old Kelowna man is missing after falling from a pontoon boat in Okanagan Lake.

The man's friends were unable to locate him and called police about one hour later, RCMP Const. Steve Holmes said yesterday.

Rescue crews searched the area Monday evening but failed to find him. The man is presumed dead.

A police helicopter assisted in the search yesterday, but failed to find anything.

This would be the 10th fatal drowning in B.C. this year.

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Probe flawed: BCCLA

The RCMP investigation that cleared a Mountie of anti-gay graffiti is being questioned by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA).

A gay Lake Cowichan resident said a homophobic slur was painted in blue on the side of his fence. A video taken by him shows the officer and a city employee with blue spray paint near the fence.

The investigation concluded the video did not show any actual painting. The BCCLA criticized the results for not taking into account tests still being done to determine the paint's source.

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News in brief

▶ Sapper Brian Collier

Another dead Canadian troop

AFGHANISTAN. A young Canadian soldier who had escaped death in an earlier encounter with an improvised explosive device was killed yesterday while on a foot patrol.

Sapper Brian Collier, 24, had dismounted from his vehicle in the village of Nakhonay, 15 kilometres southwest of Kandahar city, when he was killed by an IED blast.

"Today, the entire task force — both military and civilian — is mourning our fallen comrade," said Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, the commander of Task Force Kandahar.

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Black will no-show hearing

CHICAGO. Conrad Black's bail hearing has been scheduled for this morning in Chicago but the former media baron won't be there in person.

Black, 65, remains behind bars in a federal prison in Florida. A U.S. Appeals Court granted Black bail Monday afternoon after a U.S. Supreme Court last month weakened the law that was used to convict him and send him to prison.

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Funds switch to HIV research

HEALTH Almost $90 million once earmarked for an HIV vaccine-production facility in Canada will instead be spent on vaccine research and preventing mother-to-child transmission of the virus, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq announced yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seeking a truce with the Taliban?

Foreign Affairs minister calls for Afghan electoral reform ◐ Also calls for action on human rights abuses

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▶ Afghan President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tour a crafts bazaar in Kabul yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon told an international conference in Kabul yesterday that Canada would be willing to support reconciliation with the Taliban to bring peace to Afghanistan but only if a number of criteria are met first.

Cannon, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other senior foreign officials from nearly 70 countries gathered in Afghanistan's capital for the one-day conference, which was seen as an affirmation of international support for the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Karzai has been reaching out to the Taliban in hopes of ending the war.

He won endorsement from a national conference over a month ago for his plan to offer incentives to militants to lay down their arms and to seek talks with the Taliban leadership.

The Taliban have publicly shunned the offer, and the United States is skeptical whether peace can succeed until the Taliban are weakened on the battlefield.

Karzai is urging international partners to help his country move toward responsibility for its own security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We encourage a reconciliation process that is inclusive of all Afghans, no matter their ethnicity, tribe or gender. Those who are reconciling must renounce violence, accept the Afghan constitution and cut all ties to terrorist groups such as al-Qaida ... There are no conflicts in the world that have been able to resolve themselves without any reconciliation."

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PUBLICITY STUNT

Probe set over flying donkey

Authorities in Russia are opening an animal cruelty probe into a weekend stunt in Russia in which a donkey parasailed high over a beach.

Amateur video footage showed men attaching parasail harnesses to the mule. The Kremlin news channel Russia Today reported that sunbathers were distressed at the sight of the flying donkey, which brayed in fear as it glided above the bay for half an hour. Russia Today reported that the donkey was shell-shocked but survived.

Reports said the donkey flight was a promotional stunt. Employees of a leisure firm in the village of Golubitskaya could face two years in prison if they are charged and convicted of animal cruelty.

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Scientists keep watch on well

The government's oil spill chief tried to tamp down fears yesterday that BP's capped well is buckling under the pressure, saying that seepage detected along the seafloor less than two miles away is coming from an older well no longer in production.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen also said at least five leaks have been discovered around the well machinery, but he dismissed them as "very small drips" — "not unlike an oil leak you might have in your car."

Over the past few days, since a 75-ton cap was placed over the well to keep the oil bottled up inside, BP and government engineers have been watching closely to see whether the well would hold tight or show signs of rupturing under the pressure. A rupture could cause a bigger and harder-to-control disaster. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"As a condition of moving forward with the well integrity test, BP has to report to us any anomalies and act on those within four hours."
RET'D ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN

Civet coffee ruled OK for Muslims

Indonesia's top Islamic body declared yesterday that Muslims can drink civet coffee — the world's most expensive coffee, which is extracted from the dung of civet cats — as long as the beans are washed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No bail for accused in G20 probe

A man facing charges in a G20 security probe has been denied bail. Byron Sonne was arrested June 22 and accused of possessing dangerous weapons and explosives for an unlawful purpose, among other charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Train. Derailed

▶ A CN train engine appeared like it had run aground like a ship on a sandbar on Monday in Sylvan Lake, Alta.

NATASHA SCHMALE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CN train runs aground

RCMP say a front engine of a Canadian National freight car derailed Monday near a Dairy Queen in a residential and commercial neighbourhood of Sylvan Lake, Alta. However, there were no reports of injuries.

Officials ask for hold on teen sailor

Child care authorities asked a Dutch court yesterday to extend their guardianship over 14-year-old sailor Laura Dekker for another year, a move that would further delay her plan to sail solo around the world.

The application was made at a closed-door hearing in the Dutch city of Middelburg. A ruling is scheduled for July 27.

Dekker's lawyer, Peter de Lange, did not immediately return calls.

Dekker was made a ward of the state last year after her plan to try to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world raised concerns over her physical ability and her social development. Both her parents, who are divorced, back the plan.

Dekker was born on a yacht in New Zealand waters while her parents were sailing around the world and holds a New Zealand passport.

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Leaders condemn release

Cameron says decision to free Lockerbie bomber not his — or BP's

British Prime Minister David Cameron yesterday turned aside U.S. calls for an investigation into the release of the Lockerbie bomber by Scotland.

Both Cameron and President Barack Obama, who met with him at the White House, condemned the release of Libyan bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi from a Scottish prison.

Still, Cameron said the release was not the doing of the British government nor, apparently, the result of any lobbying by BP to win oil concessions from Libya. Rather, he said, it was a decision by the government of Scotland.

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▶ British Prime Minister David Cameron

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Italian team embarks on driverless trip

It's a modern-day version of Marco Polo's journey halfway around the world, but is anyone at the controls?

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▶ Two of these vehicles, equipped with laser scanners and cameras, will travel in tandem from Italy to China.

The rules of the road are unclear — after all, countries don't have legislation on driverless vehicles.

But a team of Italian engineers will test the limits of the future of automotive technology in what has been billed as the longest-ever test drive of a driverless vehicle: A 13,000-kilometre, three-month road trip.

"What we are trying to do is stress our systems and see if they can work in a real environment, with real weather, real traffic and crazy people who cross the road in front of you," said project leader Alberto Broggi.

The vehicle takes cues from a driven lead van, but will have to respond to any ordinary dangers. Analysts say it could be feasible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boat. Crawl

▶ Spiders found in a Guam-bound cargo ship are seen at the Guam Department of Agriculture compound in Mangilao Thursday.

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ/PACIFIC DAILY NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eight-legged cargo not welcome

A ship carrying housing units and accessories for a work force village in Guam was barred from docking after authorities found thousands of spiders in the cargo. Agriculture officials say they don't know what type of spiders were on the ship, whose last port of call was in Korea, but said it's a type that isn't normally found on the island.

No sweat, says Vatican on saunas

Vienna's archdiocese is ruling that the confessional box cannot be turned into a sauna after an eBay bid scripted it as the ideal conversion.

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China vows crackdown on reused 'gutter oil'

The Chinese government promised action against 'gutter oil' — reused oil from restaurants — from being sold on the black market.

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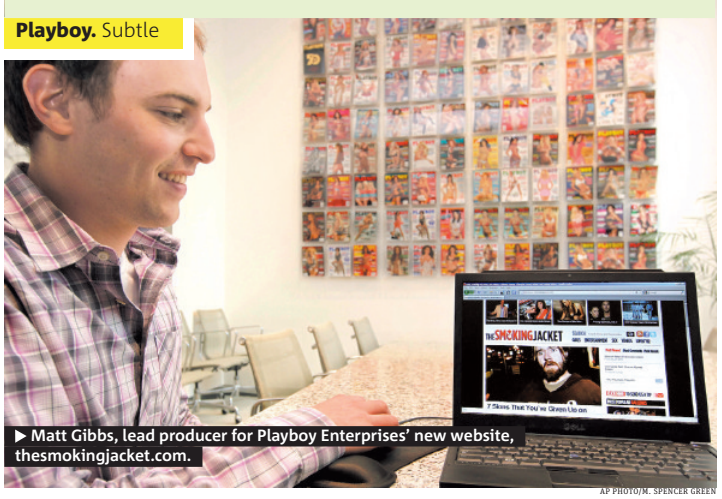
The dirt on China

- **Reused** A study by a group from Wuhan Polytechnic University earlier this year concluded that recycled oil was being used to prepare 1 in 10 meals in China.
- **Domestic** China consumes more food oil than it can produce. The rest is imported, so it's unlikely to come overseas.

Playboy. Subtle



▶ Matt Gibbs, lead producer for Playboy Enterprises' new website, thesmokingjacket.com.

AP PHOTO/M. SPENCER GREEN

Playboy launches 'work-safe' site

Playboy launched a new website yesterday that it says is safe to look at while at work. The site contains no nudity. Instead it will rely on humour to reach Playboy's target audience, men 25 to 34 years old, when they are most likely to be in front of a computer screen.

BoC hikes rates despite gloomy predictions

◗ Bank agrees economy is slowing ◗ Europe still a concern ◗ BoC predicts better growth in 2012

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▶ Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney

The Bank of Canada has hiked its trendsetting interest rate one-quarter point to 0.75 per cent, while issuing a more gloomy outlook for the economy and raising questions about where rates are headed next. The second rate increase in as many months had been widely predicted by economists and markets, given Canada's strong first quarter advance and recent job creation record.

The move will likely have an impact on variable mortgages as the big commercial banks usually adjust their prime rates shortly after the Bank of Canada adjusts its key lending rates. The central bank's move will raise some eye-brows among so-called bearish economists who had urged governor Mark Carney to keep interest rates steady if he believed the recovery was slowing.

They argued that raising rates at this time will only weaken growth by discouraging consumer spending and business investment, and adding upward pressure on the loonie to the detriment of manufacturers and exports.

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GROWTH

Air Canada adding capacity

Air Canada will grow its system capacity more aggressively this year than expected, primarily because of an increase in international flying, the airline said yesterday.

It now expects to boost overall fleet capacity by between six per cent and 7.5 per cent this year.

The company also announced it plans to use a $900-million US note offering to repay some of its outstanding debt.

Air Canada had expected to increase flying capacity by between four and six per cent in 2010 over last year. The airline also said its operating costs per available seat mile will be lower in 2010 than had been projected.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lions Gate faces takeover

Activist investor Carl Icahn declared an end to his brief truce with Canadian-American film studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. yesterday, renewing his bid to take over the company and replace its board.

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Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

To some, he's prisoner No. 18330-424.

To others, he's Baron Black of Crossharbour. To most of us, he's just Conrad Black. And he is about to get sprung from a Florida jail.

Once owner of the third largest newspaper chain in the world and a personal fortune of £175 million, Conrad Black has fallen as far as a guy can fall.

On the one hand, he has finally convinced the U.S. Supreme Court that his fraud convictions are based on an overly broad interpretation of the law, and he has been granted bail as he appeals.

On the other, the man who once had everything now has nothing. His London, New York and Palm Beach properties? Gone. His fortune? Gone. And his troubles are hardly over — the U.S. government is suing him for $71 million in back taxes.

"The man who once had everything now has nothing. His London, New York and Palm Beach properties? Gone."

You think you've got problems? Black doesn't even have a place to spend the night. He still owns the heavily-mortgaged family homestead on Toronto's Bridle Path, but will probably have to stay in the U.S. as a condition of bail.

Maybe he can stay at the Super 8 motel near his Florida prison, although he might not be able to afford the $100 per night rack rate after working for 23 cents per hour in jail.

Still, my former boss (he owned the Vancouver Sun; I toiled in his vineyard) is not one to mooch for sympathy. He sees himself as a "freedom fighter" and will continue to plug away at self-vindication. The rest of the world may see him as a defrocked capitalist, but the man who denied his Canadian birthright to sit in the House of Lords is hardly cowed by a mere reversal of fortune.

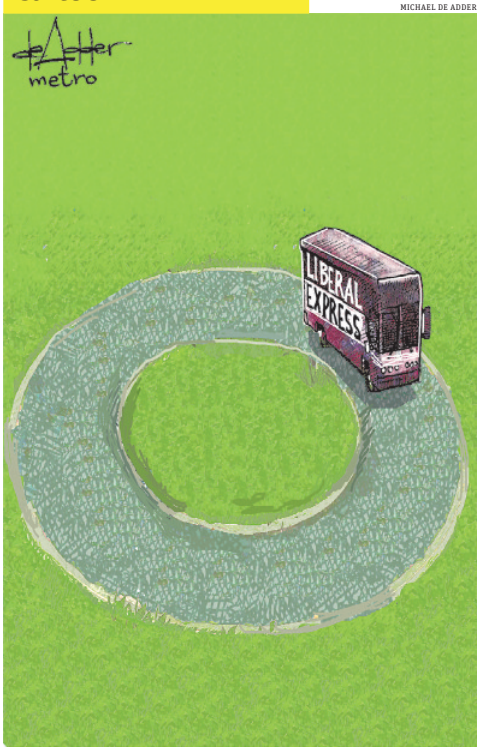
From his cell, he reminds us why the world is a less colourful place with him on ice. He continues to emit wryly amused, wordy newspaper pieces as blithely as if he were cosseted in his London study, butler at hand.

He has even found God. And not just any God, but the Catholic God, the whole nine yards. I came across a massive piece (aren't they all?) documenting his conversion from "casual Protestantism" to when "I no longer had any confidence in the non-existence of God," to today in jail when he takes the sacraments at least once a week, and goes to confession when he feels sinful. "This," he hastens to add, "is not an overly frequent sensation."

Now that the world has abandoned him, Baron Black has merely ramped it up a notch and has found new friends in higher places. You can't keep a good social climber down.

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Teach our children well

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Should schools teach swimming lessons to students?

TORONTO. Yes, schools should teach swimming to all students. Forget sex education — they will not need that information if they don't live long enough to grow up.

How about teaching something that will save lives? I remember when I was in school and thought half the stuff we had to learn was completely useless. I have a feeling that same sentiment is still being felt by today's students.

JAMES BROWN

TORONTO. It is highly regrettable that the federal government is dropping the long form of the census, especially in light of the "criminal conspiracy" that disrupted Toronto during the G20 summit.

From anecdotal testimony, it appears the majority of those involved in vandalism were young whites.

Indeed, the mass of protesters, both peaceful and the miscreant minority, seemed to be "native-born" white Canadians.

A long-form census could hopefully identify those events, gatherings, or social triggers that set these people on a rampage so police may be better prepared to protect the rest of us.

MICHAEL CHARD

In the swim

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Metro Minute with Celebration of Light

The 20th annual Celebration Of Light fireworks competition is set to light up the skies above English Bay tonight for the first of four shows. The performance starts at 10 p.m. with the first competitor, the United States.

Spain's show is Saturday, followed by Mexico July 28 and China — last year's winner — July 31.

The most popular spots to catch the show are at English Bay, Kitsilano Beach, Vanier Park and Jericho Beach. Bring small speakers to listen to music on SHORE104.3FM or listen online through your phone.

For more information, visit celebration-of-light.com.

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▶ Fireworks are seen over English Bay.

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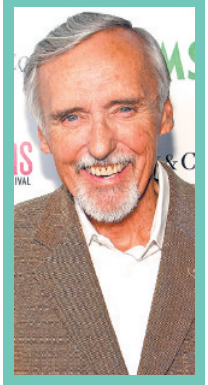

Dennis Hopper's sprawling estate in Venice, Calif., is going on sale this Friday for about $6.2 million. The property, where Hopper lived for more than 20 years, is located a few blocks from the Pacific and spans 15,550 square feet over five land parcels.
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Costumed Storm troopers invade Comic-Con

- Arrest of Russian spies adds intriguing new layer to Angelina Jolie thriller Salt
- Activity has slowed since the Cold War, but many nations still spy on one another

SUBMITTED PHOTO

▶ Angelina Jolie plays a CIA analyst accused of being a Russian spy in the new movie Salt

The secret world of spy versus spy

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Angelina Jolie's new film Salt — about a CIA analyst accused of being a Russian sleeper agent — might have just seemed like another entertaining summer movie.

But the discovery and arrests last month of 10 Russian agents living under deep cover in the U.S. adds an intriguing new layer to the film. And it also serves as a stern reminder, says former Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge. "The term 'Cold War' may have been generally removed from our conversations, but the notion that we would spy on one another to secure information about aspirations and capabilities, that still exists," Ridge says.

Metro caught up with Ridge and a panel of intelligence experts at the International Spy Museum just hours after the suspected spies were exchanged in Vienna. Oleg Kalugin, a former major-general for the KGB, was startled by the swiftness of the arrests and exchange — as well as the number of suspected operatives taken into custody. "I watch the 10 guys who were caught as illegals, I thought, 'That's total decadence.' It looked to me a waste of human resources."

"The action scenes are over the top. If I had one day in my career like Salt, I'm not sure I would've had a very long career" MELISSA BOYLE, FORMER CIA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Kalugin admits that while he was stationed in the U.S., he knew of some "illegals" — or spies living abroad with no official ties to their home government — but there were far fewer. "In my time when I was operational in the United States, we did have a couple of guys, and they had very specific missions," he admits. "One had a very special mission. His job was to act in case the United States and the USSR were close to military conflict. Then this illegal would blow up the power line grids in the Washington area so there would be no power. And second, poison water supplies in the Washington area — not to kill people, just make them sick."

Former CIA intelligence officer Melissa Boyle says some of the scene are over the top. "Espionage is chess, and chess makes boring film." Boyle served as a consultant on the film, helping Jolie. "She just really sucked my brain dry trying to get details to help her put together her character," said Boyle, who is quick to point out one thing: "I am not Salt."

Jolie might beg to differ: "She probably didn't realize I was just studying her," Jolie tells Metro. "As I was asking her questions, really I was watching her mannerisms and her behavior."

Pilgrim author eyes media empire

As Scott Pilgrim author Bryan Lee O'Malley unleashes the final volume of his popular comic book series, he's readying himself for the next stage in his increasingly surreal life: world domination.

The soft-spoken cartoonist says he's amazed by how much his fictional slacker hero has already achieved — including an upcoming film adaptation starring Michael Cera, a video game, and plush toys all based on O'Malley's drawings.

"I started out just doing an independent comic book and I never expected it to become this kind of worldwide phenomenon, which it sort of has become," says O'Malley, dressed in a dark T-shirt and sporting dark-rimmed glasses for a recent interview.

"It's been a very wild ride, it's gotten a lot bigger than I ever imagined."

Back when the 31-year-old started the book series in 2004, he was working in a Toronto comic shop and living the modest life of a struggling artist.

O'Malley says he was inspired by his own circle of pals and the places they would hang out when he lived in Toronto from 2001 to 2005. Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life introduced the world to a 23-year-old layabout who must battle the seven evil exboyfriends of the woman of his dreams. Over-the-top sword battles, skateboard duels, and barroom brawls play out at downtown landmarks including Casa Loma, the Toronto reference library, Sneaky Dee's and Honest Ed's.

From the get-go, O'Malley decided the action-packed love story would have to be played out in six volumes. It only took one to get Hollywood's attention. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Bryan Lee O'Malley

New ad-ventures for Mad Men

New season opens with question 'Who is Don Draper?'

On the season finale of Mad Men last fall, Don Draper's wife was seen flying to Reno for a quickie divorce.

Draper, Sterling Cooper's creative director, was jumping ship with a few other expats from that advertising agency to form their own shop camped in a Manhattan hotel suite. They and everybody else were still reeling from the assassination of President John Kennedy just a month earlier.

And Mad Men viewers were left to eagerly await the return of this zeitgeist-seizing drama, to find out how its bygone world would rise from the rubble.

Answer: Engrossingly, in unexpected, chancy ways, adhering to the AMC series' steadfast lack of formula.

You can check last season's finale, available online at the AMC website.

Then the fourth season begins Sunday night setting the stage for a new round of discovery with the episode's first words: "Who is Don Draper?"

A mighty good question, but one aptly dodged by the magnetic, enigmatic and tormented Draper (series star Jon Hamm), who, it turns out, is being interviewed by a writer from Advertising Age magazine. Draper doesn't like this kind of grilling. He believes his work should speak for him.

"It was terrifying when I ended last season, and terrifying when I started this season. But I'm invigorated by risk."

MATTHEW WEINER, CREATOR

Almost a year has passed. It's nearing Thanksgiving 1964, with the strain of the holidays soon to be visited on many of the characters.

By now, Don's frosty ex-wife Betty (January Jones) has remarried. Don has largely lost custody of their three kids and dwells in a sombre flat in Greenwich Village where, at least on Thanksgiving, he prefers the company of a stranger to more traditional companionship.

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new season

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January Jones plays Betty Draper on Mad Men

TV picks

Canadian in the spotlight

DRAMA no Canadian Shay Mitchell's Pretty Little Liars character, Emily, is the big focus of tonight's episode after she went missing during the homecoming dance last week. As her friends try to track her down, police go to her home and question her mother. ▶ MuchMusic

Kiss special follows Jewels

REALITY A new episode of Gene Simmons Family Jewels is followed by the one-hour special "KISSteria," in which the makeup-clad rockers tour Australia to celebrate the 35th anniversary of their Alive! album. The group arranged the tour at the last minute so a few problems arise, including faulty pyrotechnics. ▶ A&E

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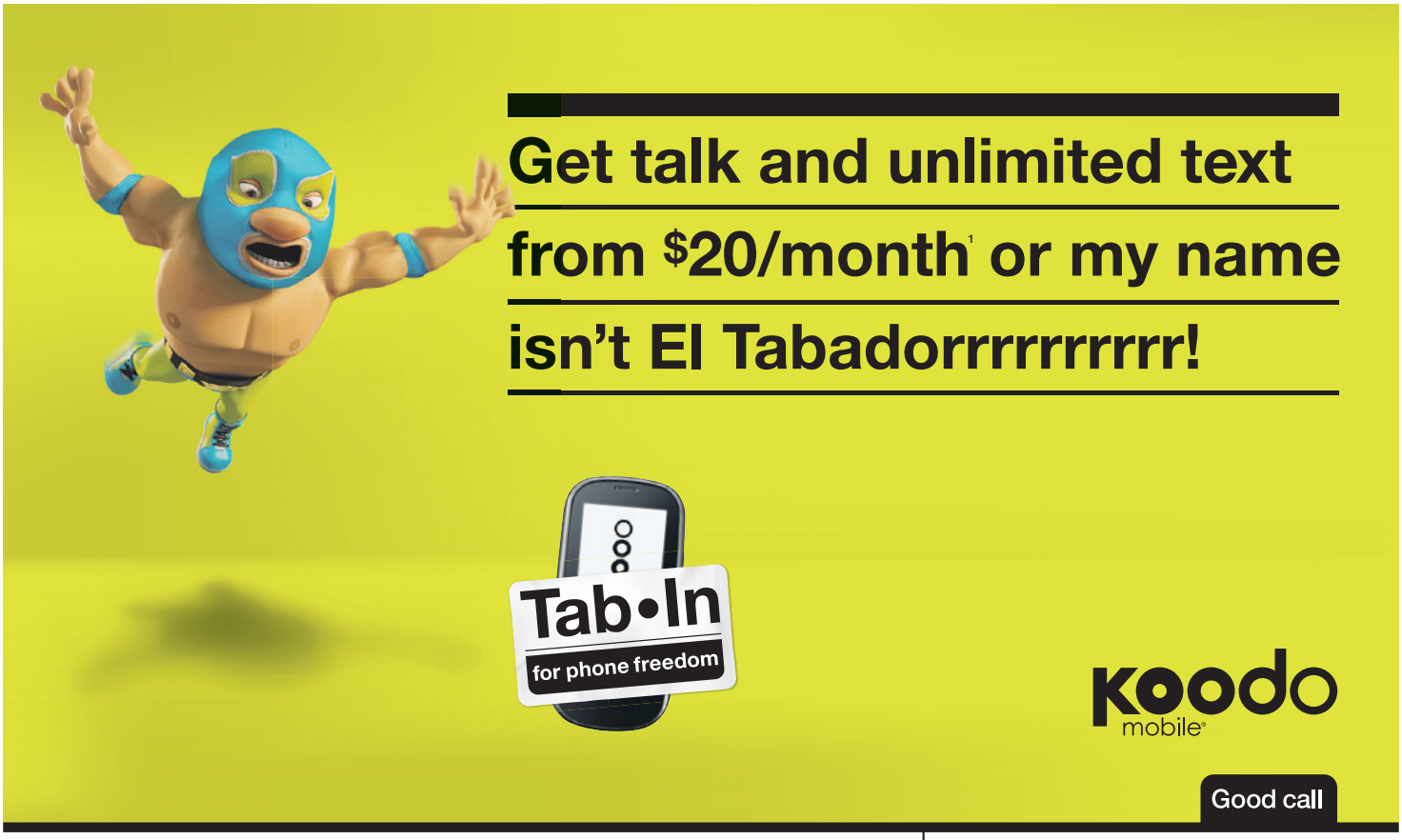

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Celebrity tweets

Sarah Silverman [@SarahKSilverman] There's something about lots of make-up base that screams "I'm no stranger to around-the-mouth zits"

Matthew Perry

[@langford perry] Just to clear something up..I love friends fans. It is just a little trying to hear the movie question 15 times a day for the last 6 years.

Nathan Fillion [@nathanfillion] Early morning, you are like cruel shoes.

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] the only "bookings" that i'm familiar with are Disney Films, never thought that i'd be "booking" into Jail... eeeks

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Lohan begins her 90-day sentence

Troubled actress is taken to the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood suburb yesterday.

Whisked away to a women's jail in an unmarked sheriff's car after a brief hearing, Lindsay Lohan reported Tuesday for a 90-day sentence that the troubled actress likely will serve in isolation, and which may be significantly shortened.

Wearing dark denim jeans, a grey top, black corset belt and black jacket, the 24-year-old Lohan showed up at the Beverly Hills courtroom about 10 minutes late. After a short hearing, she rose and was handcuffed behind her back to serve her time for a probation violation.

Lohan was accompanied to court by her mother, Dina, and younger sister Ali, who wiped away tears after her sister was taken into a lockup.

Her estranged father, Michael Lohan, yelled, "We love you Lindsay!" as his daughter was led away. She was then taken across town to the Century Regional Detention Facility in the industrial suburb of Lynwood.

In court, Lohan was represented by her longtime attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, who had resigned earlier.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan's mug shot.

Bullock renews restraining order

Sandra Bullock obtained a temporary restraining order Monday against a 41-year-old man accused of stalking the Oscar-winning actress since 2003.

Bullock's attorney obtained the protective order on her behalf against Thomas James Weldon, who has been the subject of previous court orders to stay away from the 45-year-old actress.

A hearing for a three-year order against Weldon was scheduled for Aug. 6.

Bullock first obtained a restraining order in California against Weldon in 2003, but that order expired in 2009. He voluntarily entered a mental institution in Tennessee, and the actress sued the state in 2006 to require them to notify her of his release.

According to the court filing, Weldon turned up in a Wyoming emergency room last month complaining of anxiety and sleeplessness. He later told hospital staff that he had driven from Tennessee in an attempt to meet Bullock at her home in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

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Past incidents

Sandra Bullock's attorney, Ed McPherson, filed a declaration stating that Weldon has sent the actress numerous emails and faxes in recent years.

Sandra Bullock's previous court filings have accused Thomas James Weldon of repeatedly trying to contact her and travelling around the country in an attempt to meet her. Bullock has never met Weldon, the court filing said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diaz keeps low-profile with A-Rod

Cameron Diaz is keeping her cool while dating Yankees star Alex Rodriguez.

The actress has attempted to keep a low profile and fit in with the other players' wives, according to Page Six, learning from the mistakes of his previous girlfriend.

"Cameron doesn't cling to A-Rod like Kate Hudson, whose front-row antics didn't go down well with the wives," a source says, adding that Diaz's behavior at recent team party was spot-on.

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Spears child abuse charges dropped

The investigation into allegations of child abuse by Britney Spears has been dropped, according to Radar Online.

A former bodyguard had claimed that he witnessed Spears beat her two sons, but the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services has dismissed the matter.

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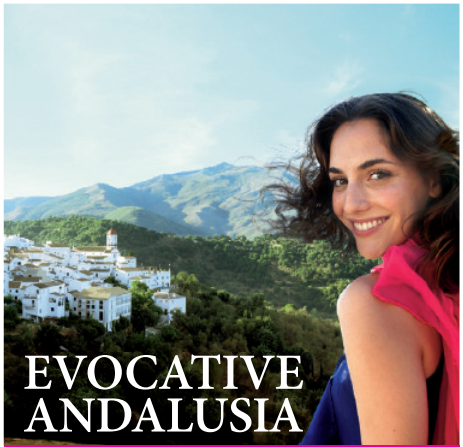

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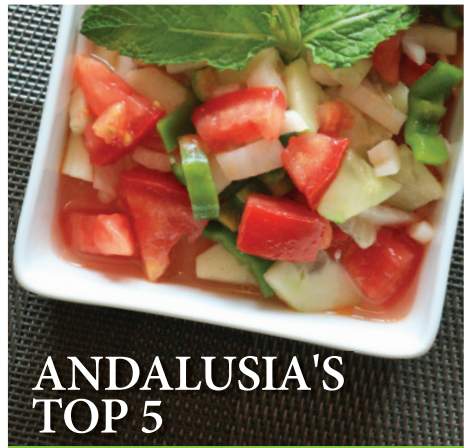

ANDALUSIA'S TOP 5

The best beaches, golf courses and tapas P/4

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In most people's minds, Andalusia evokes dazzling white washed inland villages, meandering cobbled streets beneath wrought-iron balconies, endless golden sun-kissed beaches, stunningly beautiful ancient cities packed with historic monuments, imposing mountain peaks, the unmistakable scent of orange blossom, lush green vineyards, scattered olive groves, and the purest light.

Andalusia (in Spanish Andalucía) is the largest autonomous community in Spain in terms of population, the second largest in terms of land area and certainly the most attractive. It is crossed by the fertile basin of the Guadalquivir River that flows between the foothills of the Sierra Morena mountains to the north and the Sierra Sur in the south, irrigating a rich and fertile valley. The region is made up of eight provinces Huelva, Seville, Cádiz, Cordoba, Malaga, Jaén, Granada and Almeria, all named for its major cities. Its capital and largest city is Seville, also the third largest one in Spain, and one of the most beloved destinations by visitors for its culture, monuments and gastronomy.

Not many regions of the world can match with Andalusia's cultural legacy, historical complexity and richness where east meets west in an exotic melting pot of Jewish, Gypsy, Arab and Christian cultures. Andalusia boasts a magnificent Muslim heritage, including some notable examples of the Moorish architecture like the Mezquita in Córdoba, the Alhambra in Granada or the Reales Alcázares in Seville, to name but a few. The name Andalusia dates back to the Arabic language Al-Andalus, after the Moors invaded Spain in the 8th century and the region was transformed into a centre of unimaginable wealth, sophistication and power in the Muslim-dominated Iberia.

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Andalusia's diverse geographical setting make it a land of great contrasts, blessed with achingly beautiful landscapes such as the valley of the mighty river Guadalquivir, stunning stretches of coastline (853 kilometres of beaches), mountain ranges, colourful villages, towns and cities, more than 300 days of sunshine and Europe's only desert. Each itinerary in Andalusia is absolutely unique and it has drawn and inspired some of Europe's greatest writers, poets, actors and painters. Andalusia produced Pablo Picasso and the 17th century royal painter Velasquez and it also held an enduring fascination for writers Ernest Hemingway and Washington Irving.

To fully appreciate the breathtaking scenery of Andalusia, you need to relax, unwind and enjoy yourself. People in Andalusia are at their most vivacious, fun-loving and family-oriented. They instinctively create an exuberant street life. Andalusia is just about as close to paradise as it's possible to get and, once bitten, you will forever be drawn back to places that will sing in your memory.

Explore cities

Spring and Autumn are the best times of year to visit any of the inland towns and cities in Andalusia. Pack a hat, visor or other sun gear, visit Granada, Seville, Córdoba, Ronda or any of the other numerous historic cities and immerse yourself in their haunting Islamic palaces and monuments on pleasantly warm, clear days. If you hunger for peace and quiet, hide away in one of Andalusia's unspoiled villages.

Golf

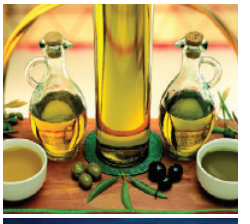
If golf is your passion, Andalusia is the best region in Spain to practice this sport. Choose from one of over 100 quality golf courses and luxury resorts. Andalusia is now a world-class destination for golf. Thanks to the excellent climate, you can enjoy playing golf in the sun whatever the season.

Scuba Diving

Plunge straight into the sparkling, azure waters of the Mediterranean! Cabo de Gata-Níjar Nature Reserve in Almería is perhaps one of Andalusia's best-kept secrets for snorkeling. The waters are packed with a fantastic variety of fish, a genuine paradise for scuba diving and snorkeling enthusiasts. Expect to see snappers, pollacks, grouper, ocean sunfish, barracudas, eagle rays, brown meagres, moray eels, conger eels, white bream, and many red sea fish. Most of Cabo de Gata's greatest wealth is hidden under the warm, clean and clear sea. For environmental reasons underwater fishing and scuba diving on your own is prohibited in the reserve, but various points along the coast offer guided dives.

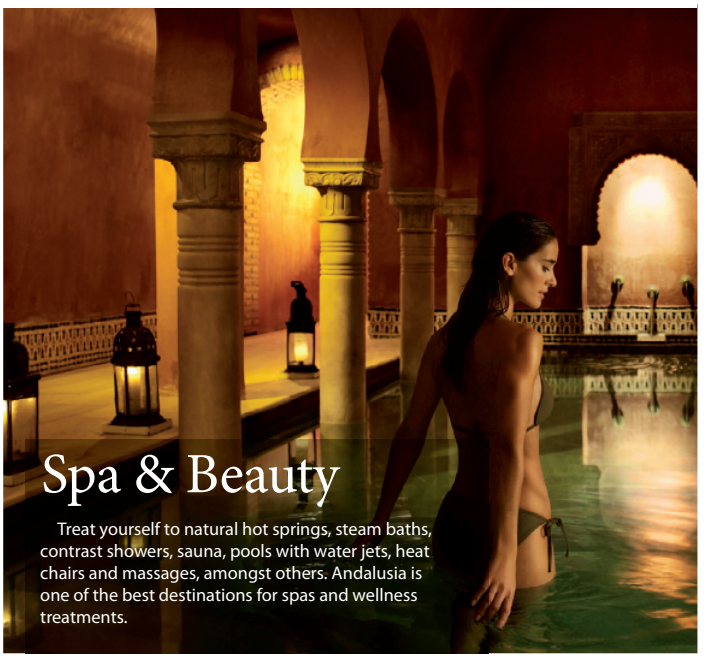
Caving

There are a surprising number and variety of natural caves that allow the adventurous to explore and discover a part of Andalusia's natural beauty that few people know exist. Cueva de Gato measures 4.5km in length and crosses the Sierra de Grazalema, following an underground river that can be accessed only with a permit and guide, as the interior can be dangerous in winter. Other caves, which are well known and open to the public, can be found throughout Andalusia and its mountainous areas.



Food & Wine

It's no wonder everyone loves both the delicious eating and the healthy diet of Andalusia. It's nutritionally healthy diet is mainly based on fresh vegetables, ripe fruit, the finest olive oil, quality grains and legumes. Treat your taste buds to local wines to accompany the excellent beef, lamb and pork or the unforgettable Andalusian cured ham 'jamón ibérico', as well as a broad range of fish and seasfood in the coastal areas.



Spa & Beauty

Treat yourself to natural hot springs, steam baths, contrast showers, sauna, pools with water jets, heat chairs and massages, amongst others. Andalusia is one of the best destinations for spas and wellness treatments.

ANDALUSIA'S TOP 5

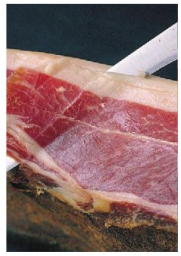
TOP 5 Tapas

1
ESPETO DE SARDINAS

BBQ'd Sardines, a typical seaside "snack"

2
SALMOREJO OR PORRA ANTEQUERANA

A thick gazpacho topped with ham



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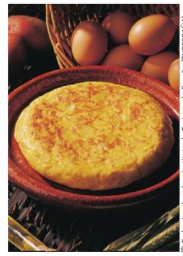
JAMÓN IBERICO

This ham from acorn fed pigs, literally melts in your mouth!



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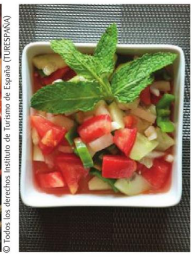
TORTILLA DE PATATAS

Typical Spanish dish, egg omelette with fried potatoes



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PIPIRRANA

Refreshing salad with peppers, tomato, onions & cucumber.

TOP 5 Golf holidays

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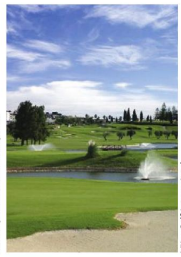

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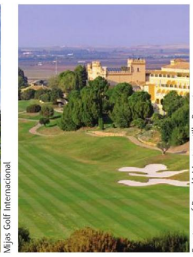

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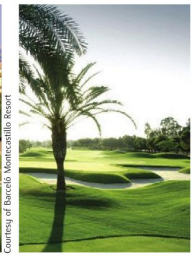

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VALDERRAMA GOLF CLUB, CÁDIZ

Where Europe won the Ryder-Cup in 1997

2
PARADOR DE GOLF, MÁLAGA

Near the airport and a short walk to the beach

3
MIJAS GOLF INTL, MÁLAGA

Its flat courses are one of the most visited

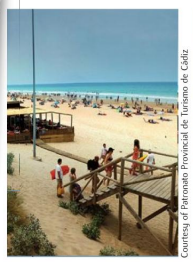
4
MONTECASTILLO GOLF, CÁDIZ

Widely regarded as the finest course in Cádiz

5
REAL CLUB DE GOLF SEVILLA

With wide fairways, large greens and lakes.

TOP 5 Beaches



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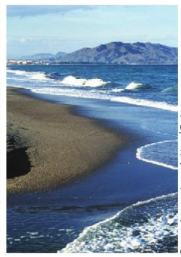

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1
LA BARROSA BEACH, CÁDIZ

White sand and crystal water

2
BEACH LAS ACACIAS, MÁLAGA

Urban beach with family atmosphere

3
PUERTO REY BEACH, ALMERÍA

Famous for its blue water lagoon.

4
MOTRIL CARCHUNA BEACH, GRANADA

Clear water perfect for fishing enthusiasts

5
MATALASCAÑAS BEACH, HUELVA

A "must see" beach

Here's looking at you

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▶ Modern Morocco: Today's Casablanca is a long way from Bogey's gin joint

Why go now?
The former French protectorate in Morocco has gone from strength to strength quietly establishing itself one of northern Africa's cultural hubs.

The Casablancais are cool, cosmopolitan and happily embrace western trends whilst remaining fiercely proud and protective of their Islamic heritage.

The city is constantly cooled by the incoming sea breeze, a delightful indication of the sandy beaches nearby.

It's my first time. What should I do there?
Walking around the old medina you'll be tempted to buy everything and anything that sparkles, from the leather soled "babouche" slippers over to the glittering jewels and kaftans.

Get a sugar rush by eating one of the honey-laden treats at Patisserie Bennis Habous (2 Rue Fkih El Gabbas).

Leave the chaotic city centre for the charming seaside Boulevard de la Corniche.

Miami Plage has huge umbrellas to protect you from the blazing sun together with very American-looking basket ball courts. Clear your pores at Hammam Zaiani (hammamziani.ma).

Here, along with the traditional steam room you can soak in a Jacuzzi, ask for a full body scrub or head to the juice bar. Family run restaurant Taverne du Dauphin (115 Blvd Houphouet Boigny) may not look like much from the outside but the Provencal touch and fabulous fish and seafood is stunningly well-prepared.

Near Central Market, on Blvd Mohammed explore the old day casa, a favorite haunt of writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

▶Bogey: Sam plays it again

I've been before. What should I see this time?
Sadly, Hollywood's epic movie Casablanca was actually filmed in Burbank.

But Kathy Kriger has made fiction reality with the opening of Rick's Café (rickscafe.ma) a near perfect replica of Humphrey Bogart's smoky hangout in the original motion picture.

Of all the gin joints in all the world you really should walk into hers! Start practising your lines now — see our reminders below.

Classic Bogart

"Here's looking at you, kid."

"Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

"Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine."

MAJOR HEINRICH STRASSER (CONRAD VEIDT)
What is your nationality?
RICK BLAINE (HUMPHREY BOGART)
I'm a drunkard.

Where's the best place for an afternoon's shopping?
The Central Market place is great to ease your way into the day.

There's little to buy outside of fresh produce, great if you're planning to hit the beach later on and are planning a picnic.

For a more up-market shop, the leafy Boulevard D'Anfa is where you want to be heading.

Locally thought of as being the Beverly Hills of Morocco, you'll find a number of designer boutiques.

Not everyone has the patience or willpower to haggle so for local arts and crafts at fixed prices go to the Exposition Nationale d'Artisnanat (3 Avenue Hassan II).

What's the nightlife like?
The beachfront area of Aïn Diab is where it's all "happening."

PHIL SHAW

▶ Mosaic: Exquisite attention to detail is all around

Clustered clubs and cocktail bars ensure you'll be out drinking and dancing till sunrise. Joya (10 Rue de la Mer Jaune) plays a mix of African, techno and pop music.

For more information check out visitmorocco.com

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To do...

MOSQUE HASSAN II

As one of the biggest mosques in the world, Mosque Hassan II is a striking landmark. Nearly half of the surface area is glass flooring revealing the Atlantic Ocean below following a verse in the Qu'ran stating that the "throne of God was built on water."

ScanLife

Want to spend your holidays like President Barack Obama?

Harry Potter and the killer theme park

The cloak of invisibility has finally been raised on America's new Harry Potter themepark ◗ Six years in the making, at a cost of $200m, it comes with the blessing of JK Rowling ◗ But is it any good?

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It can probably fairly claim to be the most magical attraction in the world, because this is Wizarding World — America's Harry Potter themepark.

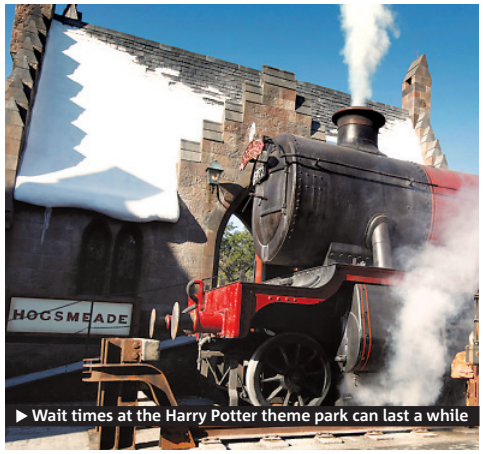
The new Hogwarts styled attraction at Universal's Islands of Adventure complex in Orlando, Florida, was almost six years in the making and cost around $200 million. And it's pretty spellbinding.

Visitors are welcomed through a stone arch into Hogsmeade village by the Hogswarts Express steam train. So far, so authentic.

They walk into scene straight from the movies with Zonko's joke shop selling Sneakoscopes and extendable ears next to Honeydukes sweet emporium for Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans.

Marvellously, there is no Coke or Pepsi — only pumpkin juice and Butterbeer, Cornish Pasties and Scotch eggs.

"It's a ride like no other. It combines amazing new technology with 3D imagery, with lifesize stuff coming out at you."
TOM FELTON, WHO PLAYS DRACO MALFOY



▶ Wait times at the Harry Potter theme park can last a while

But the real attraction for us Muggles is the CGI mega-ride Forbidden Journey, hidden in the spires of a very authentic-looking Hogwarts Castle and accessed (of course) via the Room of Requirements.

And it is amazing. A combination of thrilling 3-D imagery and real life props take you on a four minute ride past the Whomping Willow, over the Forbidden Forest, through a game of Quidditch with Harry and Ron, and face-to-face with innumerable demons before returning to the Great Hall.

It's not the world's first 3-D ride, but it may well be the world's best.

But one aspect, as unmentionable as Voldemort himself, is the wait time. This can be upwards of two hours — indeed one visitor claimed five hour wait in the Florida heat.

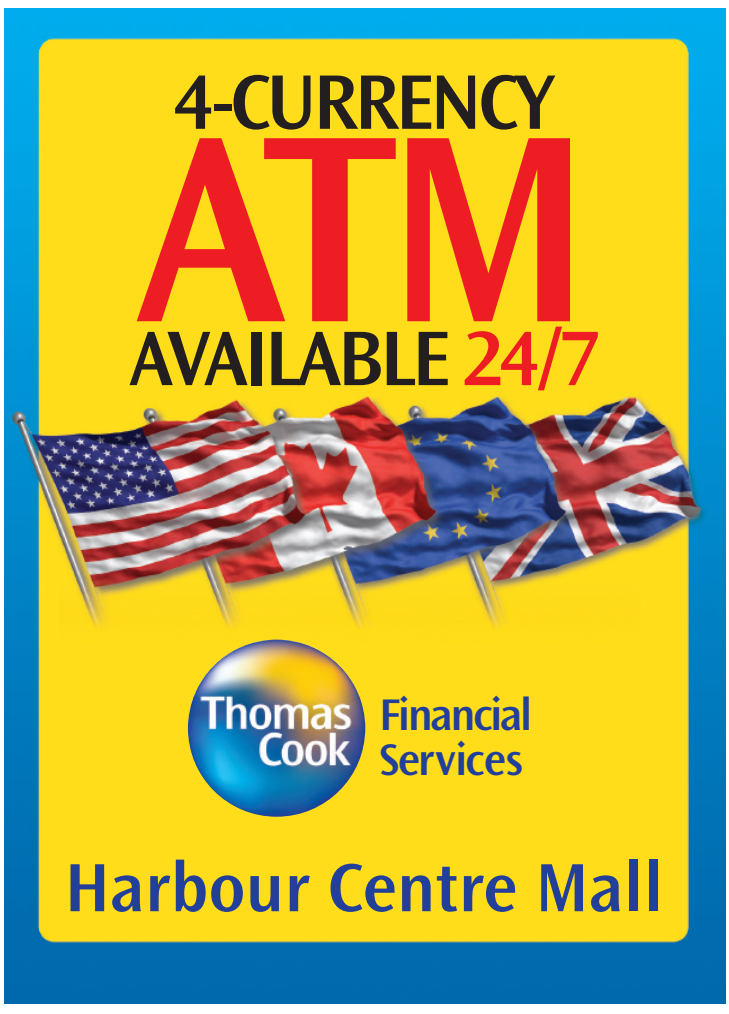
It's good, but it's not that good.

There are just two other main rides in the park — the family friendly Flight of the Hippogriff mini rollercoaster and Dragon Challenge, a high-speed double rollercoaster based on a Triwizard Tournament.

The rest is basically buying stuff. Admittedly, if you are a fan, it's cool stuff.

There are $25 US wands which just like Harry's 'pick their owner,' wizard robes, golden snitches, and you can send postcards home via Owl Post. All in all, no fan will be disappointed. Day tickets to the Islands of Adventures theme park, including the WWHP area, cost $79 US per day for adults, $69 for children.

For more information check out universalorlando.com/harrypotter



3 COOL THINGS TO HELP YOUR TRAVELS ...

Men's sunglasses special

You can get away with a poor choice of T-shirt, but rock up to the airport with the wrong shades and you may as well turn around and go home. Fortunately we've scouted around and picked out three sure-fire, can't fail, dead cool sunglasses. METRO

OAKLEY ELITE C SIX
$6,400, oakley.com

▶ Yes they cost as much as a used car. Yes they use aerospace grade carbon fibre in their construction together with 40 layers of resins and other polymer layers — by hand, and yes the result is then finished an polished by hand. So does it feel like an objet d'art which should be in a museum? Nope it just feels super-cool. Just don't sit on them! METRO

ARMANI AVIATORS
$250, emporioarmani.com

▶ Aviators can be tricky to pull off because there's a definite kitsch element in there, but if you're going to do them you may as well do Armani. These shades are beautiful to behold and feel every cm the 20th century classic they are. Just remember to keep thinking Bullit-era Steve McQueen rather than Magnum PI. METRO

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Toasted Couscous BLT Salad

An exotic twist to an longtime favourite ◗ Add chicken or turkey for a light dinner option

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▶ Toasted Couscous BLT Salad.

Ingredients :

4 portions
Prep time: 25 min.
Cooking: 10 min.

- 170 g (6 oz) bacon, cut crosswise into 5-mm (1/4-inch) strips
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) large pearl couscous
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped iceberg lettuce
- 500 ml (2 cups) diced fresh tomatoes
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

To combat lunch bag boredom, you need to straddle that fine line between exciting and familiar, which is just what this toasted couscous BLT salad does.

Exotic, large pearl couscous gets dressed up with all the ingredients of that perennial favourite — the bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich — and tossed in a lemony dressing to create a packable salad that will appeal to the whole family.

Preparation:

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, cook bacon, stirring often, until crisp, about 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to a plate lined with paper towels to drain. Pour off all but 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the bacon fat from the saucepan.
2. Return saucepan to stove over medium-high. Add couscous and toast, stirring often, until lightly browned, 2 to 4 minutes. Spread toasted couscous on a baking sheet to cool for 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, to make dressing, in a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, lemon juice and mustard. While whisking vigorously, drizzle in olive oil. Set aside.
4. In a large bowl, combine lettuce and tomatoes.
5. When couscous has cooled, transfer to bowl with lettuce and tomatoes. Add reserved bacon and dressing, then toss well to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or store, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 1 day.

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Superfood: Kiwi

"Eat your greens" is a phrase we have all been told at least once in our lives, expect sometimes we just wish we didn't have to.

Bright green and bursting in vitamin C (more so than oranges) and potassium, the Kiwi fruit is a great alternative to soggy spinach. Slice one in half and for breakfast or add to yoghurt or cereal and you will be buzzing with health.

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When it's the last straw

Enduring abuse from an office bully can be physically and emotionally damaging

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What's the worst thing about the office bully?

It's not the devastating putdowns, the passive-aggressive scoffs, or even the exhausting smirk on the know-it-all's face.

For Dr. Gary Namie of the Workplace Bullying Institute, it's that the bully usually wins — in 64 per cent of cases, Namie says, the victim winds up jobless.

"Unfortunately, targets are often the person that gets ostracized, and seen as the problem," agrees NoWorkplaceBullies.com blogger Catherine Mattice. "Like, 'Get over it, we're adults here. What do you mean you're being bullied?'"

But workplace childishness is common, and it's no playground for the victims, many of whom, Namie says, "Suffer anxiety, depression, even PTSD in the most severe cases."

Here are three steps to let your tormentor know you won't take it anymore.

Step one:

"Name it," recommends Namie. "Call it bullying, psychological violence. Stop self-blaming." For the pushovers who bullies often pursue, "that may take weeks, months, even years," Namie admits. Although, if you catch on early, Mattice suggests cornering your intimidator for a chat. "That's only a tactic you should use right at the beginning," she warns. Afterwards, let your body language do the talking. "Use their name, look them in the eyes, and stand with your chin up, arms at your side," she advises.

"Expose the bully, to the highest person you can (excluding) the bully's apologist. Go out guns-a-blazing. Later, you can say I worked for a bully and I chose not to be there anymore."
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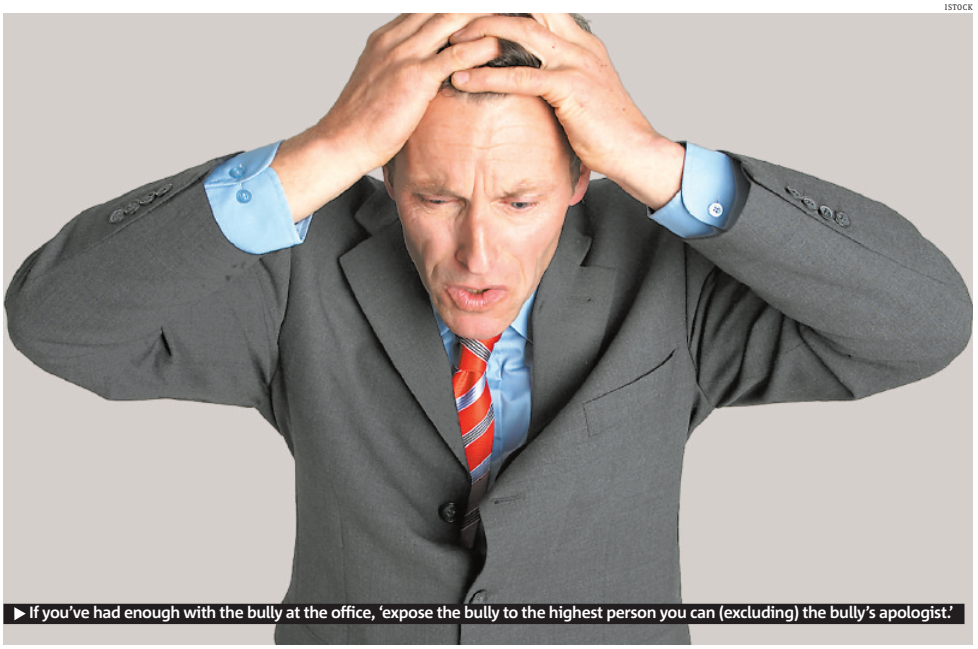

▶ If you've had enough with the bully at the office, 'expose the bully to the highest person you can (excluding) the bully's apologist.'

Step two:

Call in sick — because you are. "Stress related health diseases can kill," Namie notes. Spend your day off building what he calls a "business-based, dollars and cents" case against the bully. Are they affecting turnover? Absenteeism? Company reputation? "Try to put dollars to that," he says. "Document everything," Mattice adds. "Any e-mails you received, instant messages, phone messages."

Step three:

"Expose the bully, to the highest person you can (excluding) the bully's apologist," Namie says. "Speak in third party terms. Make the case that this bully is too expensive to keep." It probably won't work, he cautions. "So why do it? For your mental health," he offers. "Go out guns-a-blazing. Later, you can say I worked for a bully and I chose not to be there anymore."

New bill against bullies

If you're being bullied at work, it's time to read up on Bill 168, a new law that was passed in Ontario, and then see if your province offers any way for you to fight back. The Ontario bill says violence and harassment at work is a workplace safety hazard.

Donna Marshal, CEO of the Harassment Education Advisory Response Team, program says at one time 70 per cent of targets had the chance of losing their jobs if they complained. "Now they have the right to refuse to work with a violent or harassing individual," she says. The law also mandates employers to deal with workplace bullies.

Nova Scotia has a similar law; Quebec, as well, has a variety of anti-bullying rules under statutes.

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Employees often author their own workplace misfortunes. Few take advantage of laws that are construed in their favour. Fewer will challenge their employer's decisions, however unjust. Most will just complain. But if you have an inclination to fight back, here are some do's and don'ts:

Do be wary of skeletons in your closet. Just about every employee has one. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to discipline or dismiss you, however unjust. Some workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your reputation.

Do protest your employer's decisions that you disagree with, such as not receiving a salary increase or promotion, and do it in writing. Failing to respond simply conveys to your employer that you agreed with its decision or at least that you did not care enough to complain. Similarly, many good constructive dismissal cases die on the vine because of a delay in mounting a complaint. For a court to believe that you had no choice but to leave, then swiftly do just that.

Do not use your workplace computer for personal matters. Since privacy laws do not apply when you use your employer's computer, it can read and keep records of what you've written and done — without your consent.

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Confidence key when negotiating your pay

Are you just out of school and looking for your first job? Here's what to do when faced with the daunting pay expectations question

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▶ Always have a salary range pre-decided.

It doesn't happen often in the job-finding process, but sometimes in the late stage of an interview, the hiring company poses a loaded question to its interviewee: How much would you like to be paid?

Wage negotiations should be a relief to job-seekers — a chance to carve a benefits, vacation and salary package to their specified needs — and yet the prospect of playing paycheque poker can spook even the most tested veterans of hiring rituals.

The point to remember, negotiation sharks say, is that the coffee-cup-clenching HR reps on the other end of the conference table are equally nervous.

"It's nerve-wracking for everyone," About.com career planning guide, Dawn Rosenburg McKay, notes.

But it need not be so for you. The best way to give yourself confidence, and leverage at the negotiation table, McKay says, is to come in with a clear idea of what you're likely to walk out with.

"Unfortunately, most people kind of wing it," says Ron Krannich, author of Dynamite Salary Negotiations. "You should really go in with an idea of what the salary ranges are for that area."

"(If they give you a range) put their high figure at the very bottom of your range."
RON KRANNICH

But don't stride into the room ready to hammer a hard bargain. Your first task is to sniff out what your future company is willing to pay.

"They're liable to throw out the question 'What are your salary expectations?'" Krannich warns. "Just throw it back: 'What do you normally pay for someone with my qualifications?'"

If they give you a range, "put their high figure at the very bottom of your range," he says.

Asking for a raise

Asking for a raise can be tough, but Emily Candy, an HR advisor at Rogers Media says to "check your self-entitlement at the door, but not your confidence," and "stick to facts and examples" of your good work.

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Back to school traditions

Do your kids get down in the dumps on the first day of school
Try turning it into a celebration

Rebecca Miller Wilson wants her three children to look forward to the first day of school, so she makes a celebration of it.

She hangs signs outside their rooms, prepares special foods and takes lots of photos. The traditions ease the transition back to school and give the kids a reason to be excited.

"I want to set them up for enjoying school," said Wilson of Phoenix. The first day should "set the tone for how the school year should go."

Back-to-school traditions at home can help children adjust to the changes a new year brings, said Tim Sullivan, founder of School Family Media, which focuses on increasing parental involvement in schools.

"Anything that encourages the thought that school is a special time is a good thing," Sullivan said from his office in Wrenthem, Mass.

Parents who make a fuss about the first day back also are sending the important message that "school's a priority in our family," he added.

Keeping the traditions simple makes it easier to do them year after year, said Alanna Stang, executive editor of Martha Stewart Living magazine.

"Simple and thoughtful is always the best," she said. Small gestures "show kids someone is thinking about me."

Having first-day-of-school traditions also gives parents the opportunity to mark milestones in children's lives that might otherwise get overlooked, Stang said.

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Ideas

Here are more ideas for back-to-school traditions:

- Pack a note with a loving message, joke or drawing in the child's lunch box.
- Make a bracelet or necklace, or braid a pair of shoelaces together that the child can wear on the first day.
- Decorate a backpack with a beaded key chain, homemade pompons or a name tag.

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HANDOUT PHOTOS

▶ Getting a new backpack every year on the first day of school can be a great way to help kids through the day.

Before and after

Summer Werchowski is continuing a tradition her own mother started: Taking yearly photos in the morning and in the afternoon on the first day of school.

"I looked all cute in the beginning," she said. By the end of the day, "I just looked like I had been through a war.

"Looking back on my childhood, that's what I remember — all the special traditions we had," said Werchowski.

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Limping Printers bad sign for Leos

Coach cagey on whether QB will play Friday **Knee gets MRI**

The B.C. Lions offence is already having trouble scoring points this season.

Now quarterback Casey Printers is hobbling on a sore right knee which he hurt in last Friday's 16-12 loss to the Montreal Alouettes.

Printers showed up late for practice yesterday after undergoing an MRI on his knee. He wore a brace during the workouts but appeared to have trouble pivoting. His running was slow and looked painful.

Printers watched the last part of practice with an ice pack on his right elbow, which is his throwing arm. Printers only smiled and shrugged when asked if he'll start in Friday's CFL game against the Toronto Argonauts at the Rogers Centre.

"We will see," he said. "I am hoping to."

If Printers can't start, second-year quarterback Travis Lulay would get the nod.

One of Printers' strengths is his mobility. He can use his size and quickness to elude defenders and buy time to either throw the ball, or run it himself.

If Printers can't run, he could turn into a tackling dummy against the Toronto defence. That raises the question, would the Lions be better off sitting Printers and letting him heal?

"It has gone through my mind," said Printers. "That kind of stuff, I will sit down and talk to the boss about and see what he says."

The boss, Lions coach and general manager Wally Buono, was cagey as usual when discussing Printers' status against Toronto.

"There is going to be times when you're not going to play at 100 per cent," said Buono. "This is pro sports. Athletes do play with injuries." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Casey Printers leaves the field on Friday.

NHL rejects Kovalchuk contract

The NHL rejected Ilya Kovalchuk's landmark $102-million US, 17-year contract with the New Jersey Devils last night after it was deemed to circumvent the league's salary cap.

Just one day after Kovalchuk and the Devils came to an agreement on the longest contract in NHL history, the league determined that it was illegal, a person familiar with the issues raised told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the NHL hadn't made a formal announcement.

The contract was rejected because years of low salary at the end of the contract were added for the sole purpose of lowering the cap hit. The person added that no side believes Kovalchuk will play the final years of the deal at those terms.

The star forward was slated to earn only $550,000 in each of the last five seasons of the contract that was to run through the 2026-27 season, when Kovalchuk would be 44.

Only hours earlier, Kovalchuk beamed as the Devils held a news conference in their home arena to officially announce that he was coming back to the team after a lengthy free-agent courtship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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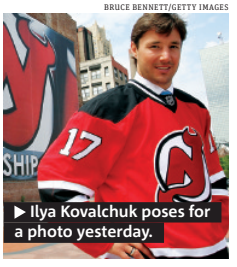

▶ Ilya Kovalchuk poses for a photo yesterday.

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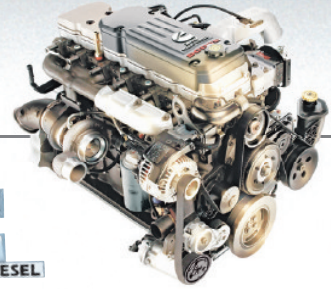

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I've never turned more heads with fewer dollars than while driving the 2010 smart fortwo coupe.

During my recent road test, this tiny two-seater probably received more smiles, nods and double takes than any high-end sports car or convertible I've had the privilege to bring home.

If you want to get noticed, the smart does the trick, and for a relatively low starting price of $14,990.

At this "pure" trim level, you get such features as power windows and locks, multifunction display and AM/FM/CD audio system with auxiliary input, but air conditioning, alloy wheels, Bluetooth and heated seats are extra.

Still, you get a pretty decent list of safety items that include anti-lock brakes with electronic brake force distribution and hydraulic brake assist, electronic stability program and four airbags.

Cruising along one of our superhighways, I was starting to get comfortable at typical highway speeds. Sure, there's a bit of wind and road noise inside the cabin, but I've experienced worse in other subcompacts.

Then I noticed some debris up front, gusting across the highway and — wham — the smart was nearly blown sideways. Good thing I had both hands on the wheel.

Sure, the smart cuts the wind reasonably well from the front, but this tall, narrow box with tiny wheelbase felt vulnerable to crosswinds, and with a curb weight of only 820 kg (about 300 kg less than a Honda Fit I shouldn't have been surprised at the buffeting).

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▶ Ford is offering many accessories for the Fiesta.

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We now use "sounds expensive" every chance we get.

"I think it's your turn to stack the dishwasher."

"Sounds expensive."

And whenever someone graciously passes you a tissue, or a glass of orange juice, you get to say, "Why didn't you get me a bigger one?"

But my main reason for bringing up this commercial is that it reminds us that rental firms have "bigger cars" and sportier cars, and convertibles, and hybrids, and even Ferraris!

The "regular" rental car is quite famous for under-whelming. When taken on long trips, their drivers have been known to stick plastic cutlery in their forearms, for lack of stimulation.

But for a small premium (about 50 bucks a day) you could get yourself into a convertible. All the main rental firms seem to stock ragtop versions of Ford Mustang, Chrysler Sebring, and Toyota Solara

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I spoke to Marcello Trubiani of Affinity Luxury Car Rentals. The first thing I asked: "How about a Ferrari?"

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Other exotics in the Affinity stable include BMW M3, Camaro SS, Corvette C6, Dodge Viper, Lamborghini Gallardo, Porsche GT3, etc.

But Trubiani notes that the current hot rides are the more "reasonably priced" convertibles, such as BMW 3 Series and Mini Cooper.

A big part of the store's business is providing high-end rentals for drivers who have their own high-end cars in the body shop.

But many others grab these cars to treat themselves and for special family occasions. Trubiani said one father recently rented the Ferrari to present to his son, as a graduation present.

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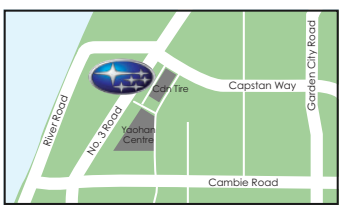

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Wagon alive in Magnum

Dodge model liked for its muscular look and HEMI V8 power
Best to avoid the 2.7 litre V6

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The station wagon had largely gone the way of the Laser Disc before Dodge re-ignited the scene with their new Magnum in 2005. This model effectively put the American station wagon back on the map with great looks, rear-wheel drive and available HEMI V8 power.

With five doors, five seats and adequate room for most families and their gear, the Magnum was available in numerous variants to match virtually any need or budget. All Wheel Drive (AWD) was available, as were two V6 engines and a variety of options, packages and accessories. Look for features like a moonroof, leather seating, navigation, a rear-seat DVD console, automatic climate control and plenty more.

Under the hood was a 2.7 litre V6 with 190 horsepower, as well as a 3.5 liter unit with 250. The 5.7 litre HEMI V8 with cylinder deactivation made a potent 340. All models got automatic transmissions, and AWD was available with either the 3.5 or 5.7 liter powerplants.

Dodge Magnum

- **MODEL YEAR**
  2005-08
- **VEHICLE TYPE:**
  Wagon
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE**
  $8,000-$18,000

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▶ A 2005 Dodge Magnum

What Owners Like

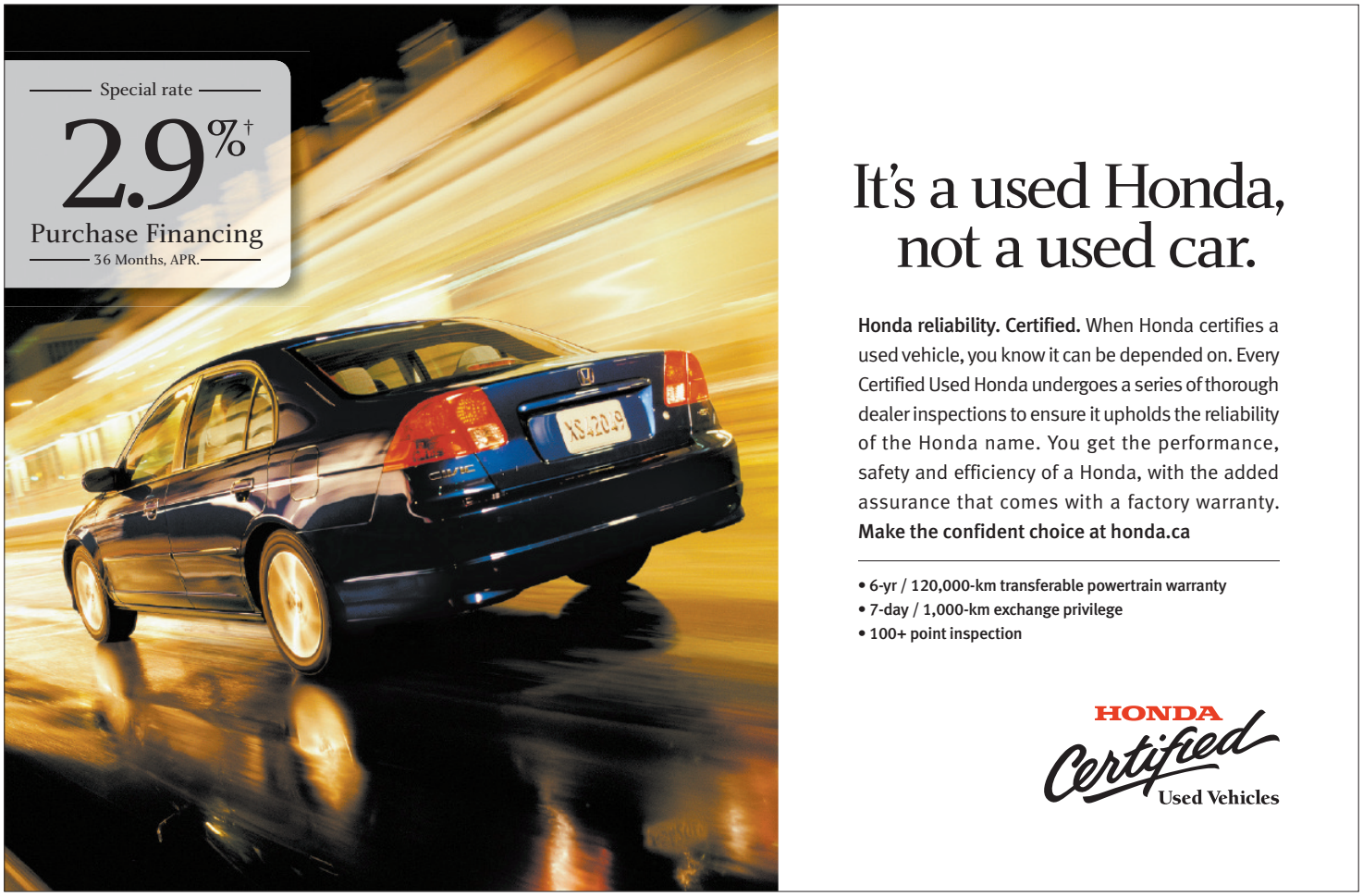
Magnum's styling, performance, value and flexibility were all rated highly by owners, as was its overall comfort and a built-in sense of attitude. Most folks loved the upgraded Boston Acoustics stereo system, too. Owners of HEMI-powered Magnums also love the acceleration.

What Owners Hate

Common owner complaints include a "stiff" ride on some models, as well as limited rearward visibility and a "couped up feeling."

Common issues

Put simply, Magnums powered by the 2.7 litre V6 should be avoided on account of numerous, well-documented complaints regarding engine failure related to an oil-sludge problem. When checking owner forums online, both the 3.5 and 5.7 litre engines appear far more trouble-free.



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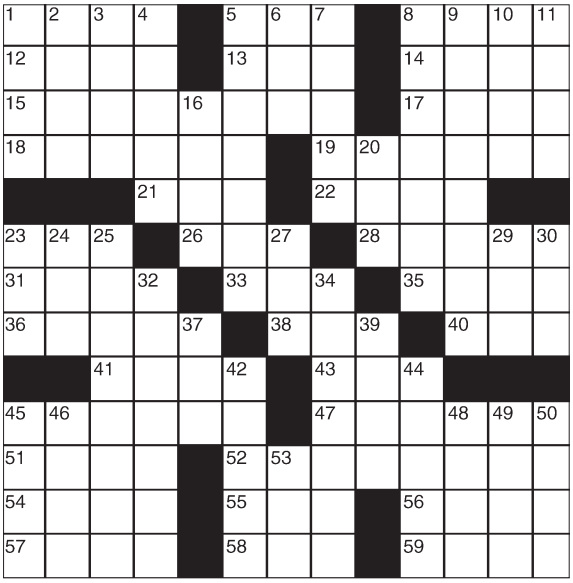

Across

1 Iodine-rich seaweed
5 Apple computer
8 Muscat's land
12 Enrages
13 Blond shade
14 Ill temper
15 Participate in a lake sport
17 — gin fizz
18 Debate topics
19 Cheated at hide-and-seek
21 Conk out
22 Reddish-brown gem
23 List-ending abbr.
26 Gist
28 Palatal pendant
31 So
33 In medias —
35 Tend texts
36 Publicizes broadly
38 Year-end abbr.
40 Witness
41 Smell
43 Knock
45 Permeate (with)
47 Refer (to)
51 Campus mil. grp.
52 Top-40 airings
54 Dandling site
55 Exist
56 Georgia —
57 Global seven
58 "Absolutely"
59 Sandwich treat

Down

1 New Zealander
2 Geological times
3 Reply to "Shall we?"
4 Pretender
5 Rubber?
6 Request
7 TV police oldie
8 Watch
9 Spherical chocolate candies
10 Lotion additive
11 Require
16 Check
20 Water (French)
23 Biblical verb suffix
24 "— Neighbor's Wife"
25 Appealing pastime
27 Foundation
29 Whopper
30 Noshed on
32 Leads astray
34 Siesta shawls
37 "Mayday!"
39 Tranquil
42 Settle a debt
44 Erstwhile planet
45 Annoys
46 Zilch
48 — -friendly
49 Yahtzee quintet
50 Reverberate
53 Raw rock

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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	9							
5		4			1	8		
7								1
		3	5			9		6
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	5	8	1	7	2	4	9	6
1	9	7	6	8	4	3	2	5
4	2	6	9	5	3	7	8	1
8	7	2	5	1	9	6	3	4
6	3	4	7	2	8	1	5	9
9	1	5	3	4	6	2	7	8
7	8	1	4	3	5	9	6	2
5	4	9	2	6	7	8	1	3
2	6	3	8	9	1	5	4	7

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Peter: I was lost before I found you. I knew that you were the one I've been searching for from the moment we met. Never gonna let you go. Happy six. Love always!!!!! **CATHY XOXO.**

I will always love you until my heart stops beating. You complete me! Happy Monthsary baby. **TRICIA**

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Today	Thursday	Friday
Sunny 22° / 15°	Sunny 22° / 15°	Sunny 22° / 15°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 There is no point trying to force others to see things your way because if anything it will make them even more determined to take an opposing view. Why should you want people to agree with you anyway?

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 There's no reason to feel guilty about all the fun you've been having in recent weeks. It may be sad that some of your friends have not been so fortunate but that's life.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Tomorrow you won't lack for confidence. Social occasions and travel plans will go well for you now, so don't sit at home on your own — get out there and wow the world.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will have to deal with someone who sees things from a different perspective today, but that does not mean you cannot get along.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There is no right way or wrong way to deal with a particular situation, so if you feel like taking a different approach then do so. The important thing is that you explain what you are up to so others won't worry about it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Saturn leaves your birth sign today and no doubt you'll be glad to see the back of it. If you are honest though you will also admit that you've learnt a lot in the past two years — much of it the hard way!

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Something you failed to deal with fully a month or two back will return today and this time you will have to see it through to the end. Leaving tasks unfinished is no longer an option.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Why is your body so restless? Why is your mind jumping all over the place? Whatever the reason you will calm down a bit over the next 24 hours.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Sometimes you have to state the obvious for people, even though they should have seen for themselves what the results of their actions were likely to be. Try not to be judgmental though. No one is perfect, not even you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Deals and negotiations are under excellent cosmic influences. You must not sell yourself short. You're a star, so make sure you are treated and paid like one.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may be justified in hitting back at people who have been speaking about you in less than flattering ways but, really, what is the point? Why not just ignore them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Saturn moves out of the relationship area of your chart today — and boy are you glad to see it go! You've learnt a lot about yourself in recent months, and even more about other people.

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